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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



When preparing a message for January, it is natural that one's thoughts would turn to New Year's resolutions. I usually make a list of the things I plan to do and, although I don't always accomplish them all, the process of reviewing the past year's work to find areas where improvement is needed, seems beneficial within itself.

As usual, some of my resolutions will involve the TNA, and I hope that yours do too! If you haven't yet resolved to make a greater contribution to numismatics in 1978 by doing such things as inviting more of your friends and acquaintances to join your local coin club and TNA, writing that article for our **TNA NEWS**, preparing a numismatic exhibit for display on special days in your home town or at coin shows you plan to attend, or just offering to present the program at your local coin club; think about it and resolve to do it! The more we

give and share with others, the more enjoyment and satisfaction we are sure to get from our collecting hobby.



A few days ago, a Paris man, John T. Hamman, visited me to show me an 1804 U.S. dollar which he had acquired. He stated that he could not give me the history of the coin, but that it was a new discovery.

The coin had not been authenticated, but nevertheless, I got a thrill out of handling it. I suggested several places where he could take the coin to be examined, so by this time, if it is authentic, you will undoubtedly have read about it in other coin publications.



Best wishes for a happy 1978. We can't all discover an 1804 dollar, but I do hope that you manage to get a coin (or whatever you collect) in 1978 that will give you just as big a thrill!

Due To Circumstances Beyond Our Control,
The Following Features Do Not Appear In The
January Issue of TNA News

TOPICAL COLLECTING By W. B. (Bill) Slate
TREASURER'S REPORT

We Will Try To Carry These Features
In Our February Issue.

THE ROMAN FORUM

By
Michael T. Schmitz
Austin, Tx.

Transition From Republic To Empire

The first century B.C. was one of great readjustment for Rome. The traditional bases of power in the Roman government were shifting from the Senate and elected Consuls to military field commanders. This displacement of power was caused chiefly by Rome's growth from a city-state to a world power. Much of the new land conquered by Rome was under control of the Roman officers. Although the central government in Rome and Italy were in power in the older provinces the military was flexing its muscle in the newly won lands. The coinage system just as the government was in a state of transformation and confusion.

The coins of the Roman Republic were controlled completely by the Senate. The Senate would authorize private moneyers to execute the coins for the State. Most of the coins of the Republic and even into the early Empire had some allegorical figure on the obverse and numerous varieties on the reverse with the moneyer's name abbreviated. This system started to break down in the early first century B.C. A new series of coins were begun by military commanders in the field. This development of issuing coins outside of Rome had its roots earlier in the Roman Republic under the title of Imperator which was conferred on many generals by the Senate. The military commanders during times of war

and crisis had the power to issue coins, with special Senate approval, to cover soldiers' pay, supplies and other costs. The leaders of the Roman army started to abuse this privilege by issuing coins under their own authority without consulting the Senate. In effect, setting themselves as a power outside the Senate.

During the civil wars, Pompey and Julius Caesar began striking their own coins. These coins circulated principally in the provinces controlled by them. The Senate still struck in Rome and Italy. After Caesar took complete power he began to issue gold and silver coins from Rome completely ignoring the Senate who had fled to Greece during the civil wars. In 44 B.C., with the Senate back in Rome under his domination, Caesar received permission from the Senate to use his portrait on the obverse of his coins. This was the first time in Roman history that a living person was portrayed on a coin. This event set a precedent that would change the character of Roman coins for the next several centuries.

After Caesar's assassination a triumvirate was formed composed of Mark Anthony, Lepidus and Octavian, later known as Augustus, which divided between themselves the land Caesar had controlled. The three assumed the right of portraiture that Caesar had re-

ceived. Even the assassins of Caesar, Brutus and Cassius, issued coins with their portraits. This situation was ironic since the reason they killed Caesar was to restore the Republic and the depiction of living persons on coins was such an un-Republicon act.

The triumvirate lasted until 31 B.C. when civil war broke out again. This time between Octavion and Mark Anthony. Octavion defeated Mark Anthony and Cleopatro at the battle of Actium. Octovian was now master of the Roman world. From 31-27 B.C., Augustus, as he was now known, issued gold and silver coins from the East using his power of a Imperator as his authority. By 23 B.C. Augustus had the gold and silver coinage under his complete control and the Senate had only the brass token money under its jurisdiction. All bronze coins in Italy had S.C. stamped on them which stood for "SENATUS CON-

SULTO," by consent of the Senate. This system prevailed into the early Empire except in one small period from 19-12 B.C. in which the Senate again struck gold and silver coins. But this did not last long and so the Senatorial coinage of precious metals foded into history.

In 15 B.C., Augustus opened his new imperiol mint in Lugdunum, now France. From this mint he supplied the whole empire with gold coinage and all the West with silver. By having a mint in a province which he controlled, Augustus did not technically violote the Senate's authority to issue coins from Rome.

Augustus also made major reforms of the coinage system. He introduced a circulating gold coin, standordized the fineness of the silver coins, and chnged the relationship of the denominations. Below is a list of the denominations, the metal it is minted in, and their relationship between them.

METAL	DENOMINATION	VALUE
Gold	Aureus	25 Sil. Denorii
Gold	Quinarius *	12½ Sil. Denorii
Silver	Denorius	16 Copper Asses
Silver	Quinarius	8 Capper Asses
Oricholcum**	Sesterius	4 Copper Asses
Oricholcum	Dupondius	2 Copper Asses
Copper	As	4 Copper Quadrantes
Orichalcum	Semis	2 Copper Quadrantes
Copper	Quadrans	

* gold quinarius extremely rare denomination

** orichalcum is a yellow copper ore, the yellow is due to zinc being present



MOON STAMP SOLD

A stamp cover that former astronaut Edgar Mitchell carried on his journey has been sold for \$1200.

The envelope, with a specially printed stamp, it was one of

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COMMEMORATING -

BY MIRIAM GILMORE, N.L.G.
Weslaco, Tex.

PILGRIM TERCENTENARY

The city of Plymouth, Mass. celebrated the 300th anniversary, in 1920, of the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock. A silver half dollar was issued to commemorate the event. The coin was distributed by the Pilgrim Tercentenary Commission through Shawmut National Bank of Boston.

On Sept. 16, 1620, 102 Pilgrims set sail on the ship "Mayflower" from England bound for the American colony of Virginia. As they neared the American coast, strong winds blew the ship northward and they landed on Plymouth Rock on Nov. 9, 1620.

The Pilgrims, a religious group who separated from the Church of England, wanted religious freedom. They wanted no religious "trimmings" and their belief was solely in the Bible.

The first winter the Pilgrims were in America was a busy one. They made preparations for the winter, explored the land and finally settled at Plymouth, Mass. on Dec. 16.

After many hardships and a plague wiping out nearly half the Pilgrims, the new colony began to prosper. Supplies began coming in and their new-found friends - the Indians - had taught them how to plant and harvest corn. Their more influential leaders were William Brewster and William Bradford.

The obverse on the coin shows William Bradford, wearing hat, and carrying a Bible under his arm.

The reverse features a model of the ship "Mayflower." Cyrus E. Dallin was designer. The coins were minted in 1920 and 1921 and sold for \$1.00.



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Lyman C. Barteel

Austin, Tx.

To quote "Service to others is the rent we pay while we are here on earth."

To paraphrase: "Service to TNA is the rent we pay for election or appointment to office."

How many of us are delinquent in our rent payments? The landlord evicts the tenant that does not pay rent as agreed. TNA by-laws provide a procedure for the same. Just a reminder.

Having traveled 4500 miles in 1977 attending numismatic meetings as a participant in each of them, I have talked with TNA members from all parts of Texas and many from other states. Too many times the question is asked - Why can't I get an immediate reply to a letter? Why does not do this or that? Will you look

into that for me? Frequently an answer can be given immediately but I do try to get the information to them.

We are starting a new year, a very significant year for TNA. The numismatic community of the world will be coming to Texas in August. Will we be in a position to point with pride, to our visitors, and say "I am an officer in TNA. We are doing this and have accomplished that, we are growing and serving the needs of all numismatists in Texas."

As the new year begins, let each officer, both elective and appointive, ask the personal question, "Am I paying my rent?" If yes, a job well done. If not, pay up before it's too late.

Have a happy and productive new year!



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MARCH 18-19

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APRIL 1-2

AMARILLO COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Villa Inn Interstate 40 East Amarillo **WRITE:** Bill Johnson, Box 15 Wolffin, Amarillo 79102



APRIL 14-16

TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN., 20th convention, Fairmont Hotel, Dallas **WRITE:** C. C. Andrews, Box 7673 Dallas 75209

JULY 29-30

ODESSA COIN CLUB, annual coin show, Inn of the Golden West Details later.



SEPTEMBER 9-10

SAN ANGELO COIN CLUB, annual show Details later.



SEPT. 30 - OCT. 1

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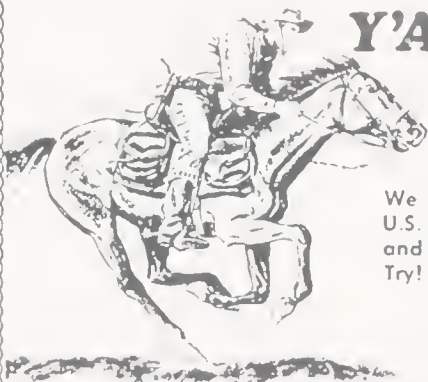
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District Meetings

DISTRICT I -

Mineral Wells

Coin Club president Raz Ford, suggested to members at the regular meeting, that they begin planning for the next annual coin show. It will be in March at the National Guard Armory. He

stated that the date will be decided upon at the December meeting.

The annual Christmas banquet was to be held Dec. 15 at North Oak Community Center. Installation of officers was to take place and include James Bateman, president; Kenneth Bulby, vice president; Hellen Rust, secretary; Frances Root, treasurer, and Viola Bennett, publicity chairman. Board directors are Ford, Bonnie Brooks, Vaughn Davis, J. W. Sparks, Alton Murphy, Lee Walimon, George Kesterson and Donald Bond.



Red Davison gave the program at the recent meeting of **Graham Coin & Stamp Club** held at Texas Electric Peddy Room. Davison gave a rundown on Buffalo nickels, their grading and dating, and explained the S variety in the years they were minted.

W. L. Scott displayed his 1977 mint sets. Refreshments were served during the social hour. — **Hellen Rust, Sec.**



Joe Wade
Governor

DISTRICT II -

A program on grading coins was conducted at the Nov. 10 meeting of **Odessa Coin Club** held at Odessa College. The entire membership participated by grading a slate of 12 coins and then comparing

results with each other. "The consensus of opinion was that grading is not a concrete science and there were some differences of opinion."

The junior attendance prize was won by Pandý Wilshire and the senior prize by Rev. Raul Solis. Twenty four attended the meeting.

— **August H. Ganze Jr., Gov. Dist. 2.**



August H. Ganze Jr.
Governor



DISTRICT III -

Plans for the annual Christmas party were made at the November meeting of **Central Texas Coin Club** of Brownwood. Fifty members and guests were present for the meeting at Adams Street Community Center. Final arrangements were to be made by James Carpenter, Harold Matthaer and Henry Goodwin.

The party and banquet was set for Dec. 12 at Ped Wagon Cafe.

Announcement was made that the annual District 3 meeting will be held in Sweetwater July 16 with **Nolan County Coin Club** as host.

Ethel Cole and Ann Johnson of

Brady were welcomed as new members. Mrs. Vertrice Ashburn received the attendance award and refreshments were served by Sylvia Snadgrass and Merle Gaddwin.
— **Melba Coursey, Reporter.**



The annual Christmas dinner and party for members and guests of **San Angelo Coin Club** was held at Dun Bar West with 52 present. Entertainment included Christmas stories by Mrs. Terry.

New officers were elected and are: Frank Rice, president; Bob Perry, first vice president; Mr. Ogle, second vice president; Mrs. Vau-train, secretary; and Harry Head, treasurer. — **Lerah H. Talley, Sec.**



DISTRICT IV -

Members of **Waco Coin Club** planned a Christmas party Dec. 8 at T.P.&L. Center in conjunction with the regular meeting. A gift exchange was to take place.

New officers include: Weldon Wilkerson, president; James Schieffer, first vice president; Herbert Lavell, second vice president; and J. P. Jones, secretary-treasurer.

The club will be celebrating its 30th anniversary this year and had wooden nickels struck to commemorate the occasion. On the reverse is a picture of the Waco Suspension Bridge. Built in 1870 by the same firm that built the Brooklyn Bridge. At the time, the Waco bridge was the largest of its kind in the U.S.

Another Waco Texas and surrounding state took part in the antique show held in Novem-



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ber. It was reported a success. Special prizes were won by Ray Burton, Tam Higgins and Miriam Jones. — **J. P. Jones, Sec.**



Austin Coin Club members planned a buffet dinner at Quality Inn South for the December meeting. Officers for 1978 were to be elected and nominees were Jim Martin, president; Bab Greenwood, vice president; Lyman Barteel, secretary-treasurer; and John McKean, curator. Directors are Ray Kirkpatrick and Joe Scott.

Members voted to again pay for the Club Salute awards for Texas Numismatic Assn. and to donate \$50.00 to the TNA-ANA hospitality room fund. — **Lyman Barteel, Sec.**



DISTRICT V -

Garland Coin Club will hold its annual show June 17-18 at Sheraton Inn Dallas Northeast. Tables are 8-foot and the show will accommodate only 40 dealers. For further information write G. F. Johnson, general chairman, 1109 Woodmont Dr., Garland 75040 or Billy D. Gilbreath, house chairman, Box 401303, Garland.



David Nunn
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The 1977 coin show, sponsored by **Texomoland Coin & Stamp Club**, was held in November at Hotel Denison ballroom. People registered from as far away as Boy Shore, N.Y. and El Paso, although most were from the surrounding area of north Texas and southern Oklahoma.

Numismatic and philatelic exhibits were displayed by Scott Michael, Mary Jane Carpenter, Don Ronson, Steve Cory and Charles Wingo. All received plaques from the club for their efforts.

Special prizes were won by Joe Wade, Morgie McPeak, Jim Carpenter, Shayler Stoley and Edith Browning. Also Mary Jane Carpenter, Kenneth Thurmon and Henry Thurman.

Show committee members were Charles Wingo, general chairman; Steve Cory, bourse and security; Steve Taylor, exhibits; and John Megginson, registration. — **Col-Chas. A. Wingo, Reporter.**

DISTRICT VI -

Plans for the 1978 coin show hosted by **North-line Coin Club** of Houston include a new location - Holiday Inn on North Belt near Intercontinental Airport. Dates are July 15-16.

Robert Allen was welcomed as a new member and plans were also made for the annual Christmas party and election of officers. — **Club Bulletin.**

The two meetings held in November by **Belloire Coin Club** included plans for the Christmas party and auctions.

It was announced that only one meeting will be held in December. — **Club Bulletin.**

The program for the regular meeting of **Galveston County Coin Club** of Texas City was given by Ruby Threlkeld. Her subject was "Pocky Ford's World Famous Watermelon Day Festival." The festival was started by George Washington Swink in 1867 and was attended by 25 guests invited for free watermelon. By 1955, there were 42,000 attending. It is the oldest festival in Colorado. On the display table were elongated coins showing the different special events held in the last two years.

Members discussed the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center at NASA and how important it is to our well being.

The "early bird" prize was won by Cliff Moorehead and other attendance prizes were awarded to Ruby Threlkeld and Charles M. H.



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ell — **Ruby Threlkeld, Sec.**



Brazos Bend Coin Club of Rosenberg, according to the Newsletter, had planned to have a covered dish supper in November but it was "stormed out."

The club meets the first Tuesday of each month at First United Methodist Church, 1127 Third St., Rosenberg.



DISTRICT VIII -

Pres. **Floyd Bieniek** of **Corpus Christi Coin Club** has appointed various committees for the March coin show and include **Bob Evons**, bourse; **Jim Catron**, tickets; **Billy Miller**, exhibits; and **Floyd Bieniek**, security.

Show plans call for an exhibit consisting of several cases of Polish coins belonging to **Stanislaw Garczynski** of Houston. It was started by his grandfather and continued with his father and now furthered by him.

At one of the twice monthly meetings, **Jim Catron** narrated a slide set of U.S. type coins 3c to 20c. **Dianne Tote** furnished refreshments.

During another meeting, a show and tell program was enjoyed. Taking part were **Jim Catron**, **Floyd Bieniek**, **John Face**, **Dorothy Miller**, **Glen Little**, **Ralph Watters**, **David Burke** and **Wayne Harris**.

Catron narrated an ANA slide program on British Campaign medals and plans were made for a Christmas supper on Dec. 20. **Frank Watters** furnished the re-

freshments for the social hour. — **Club Bulletin.**



Exhibitors at the October **Liberty Coin Club** show were **Glen Little**, **Mrs. A. C. Jones**, **Elisa Barrera**, **Wayne Harris**, **Laura Allen**, **Ralph Watters**, **Floyd Bieniek**, **Bill Mark**, of Houston and **Henry Foster** of Bishop. Winning prizes for selling the most books of tickets for a special drawing were **Elisa Barrera**, **Wayne Harris** and **Clarence Davis**.

Christmas party plans were made and were set for Dec. 9 at **Chung Mei Restaurant** with special guests invited. — **Corpus Christi Coin Club** President **Floyd Bieniek** and his wife, and **Miram** and **Wally Gilmore** of Weslaco.

Mrs. Wayne Harris had charge of the program for the Nov. 15 meeting and presented a slide showing of her trip to Hawaii. On Nov. 29 a games night was held. — **Club Bulletin.**



DISTRICT IX -

The regular meeting of **Lamb County Coin Club** of Littlefield was held Nov. 22 at Reddy Room with 13 present.

A report was given on the annual coin show and a discussion was held as to whether or not to continue with the shows as attendance was low.

H. Over won the attendance prize. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

Carl Anderson was elected to serve as president of **South Plains Coin Club** at the Nov. 17 meeting held at **Proctor #1 Club**.

Wayne H. Harris
Governor

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those serving with Anson will be Gary Huber, vice president and Dee O'Donnell, secretary-treasurer.

Jim Hall conducted a coin quiz and winners were Brandon Eastman, Jerry Eastman and D. O. Joplin. Gary Huber won the attendance prize. — **D. O. Joplin, Gov. Dist. 9.**

Four attended the meeting of the **Levelland Coin Club** held at Alton Cornish on Nov. 15. During the evening a transaction was enjoyed and the attendance prize was won by D. O. Joplin.

Plans for the Christmas meeting were made. An auction will be held with proceeds going to the **Levelland Boy's Club**. — **J. E. Hall, Reporter.**

DISTRICT X -

Bourse chairman for the February coin show sponsored by **International Coin Club of El Paso** is Harry E. Johnson, Box 4351, El Paso 79914. Show dates are Feb. 3, 4 and 4 and will be held at Rodeway Inn Bissett Center. As of Nov. 15, 45 out of 65 tables had been reserved.

Meetings for November were devoted to getting the show organized. — **John N. Berger, Gov.**



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Dist. 10.

Spanish Trail Collectors Club of El Paso were continuing plans to host the annual Christmas party but no date was available at press time. Frank Fox is club president. — **John N. Berger, Gov. Dist. 10.**

DISTRICT XI -

Amarillo Coin Club met Nov. 7 at Security Savings & Loan building with 41 present including three visitors.

Lowell McKown of the **Amarillo Globe News** presented the program on "Numismatics - Journalism." The annual quiz prize was won by Linda Parker and the senior one by Tommy Tompkins.

Plans were progressing for the annual Christmas party to be on Dec. 2 at Bank El Paso. The Christmas auction was planned for Dec. 5 with prizes being distributed to needy families in the area. Several families had been selected to receive groceries and "goodie boxes" compliments of the club. Auction items were donated by club members.

It was announced that the club had been accepted for Life Membership in TNA Chapter #85.

The club's spring show is set for April 12 at Villa Inn. John Jenkins, show chairman and may be reached at 2615 Wolflin Ave. Amarillo 79109.

Attendance prizes went to Gordon Barr, Dave Carty and John Parker. Carty conducted the meeting. — **Tommy Tompkins, Gov. Dist. 11.**



R. L. Tompkins
Governor

DISTRICT XV -

Members of **Greater Orange Coin Club** met in November in the Community Center with Jerry Williams, president, presiding. One new member, Gerald Waldrup, was welcomed into the club. Appointed to serve on the nominating committee were Doug Hales, George May and Williams.



Jerry A. Williams
Governor

The program consisted of a show and tell with each member telling of his or her favorite coin and the story surrounding it. One such note was made - that the nation in the Walking Liberty half dollar was wearing a boot in one foot and a cannel in the other.

Attendance prizes went to Richard O'Neal, George May and Josephine Lebeck. Ed Ware was auctioneer. — **Shirley Williams, Sec.**

A Christmas dinner was planned for members at **Beaumont Coin Club** on Dec. 15 at I & J Bank. Entertainment was given to bring guests.

Pat and Carol Moore presented the program for the meeting and introduced speakers from TNA. Guests were James W. Shroyer, Glen Dowlen and Tom W. Jones.

Winning attendance prizes were Robert Fort and Tommy Fort and Ed White. Auctioneer for the evening was Jack Phillips. — **Shirley Williams, Sec.**

Members of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** met in December. The meeting was held at the Port Arthur Community Center.

memory of T. G. Brown and Joe Stokes, area coin club members and respected numismatists who recently passed away. Each year a "Joe Stokes Award for Best in Show" at the coin show will be awarded for best display; and "T. G. Brown Award for Best Club Member" to be awarded to the hardest working club member.

At the recent meeting four new members were voted on and are Glen Dowlen, Steve McQueen, David Wade and Tim Carr. Matt Kolofney was a guest.

Bettie Ford was in charge of finding a suitable location for the annual Christmas party. Jerry Williams and George May form a nominating committee. Winning attendance prizes were James Eldridge and David Wade. — **Club Bulletin.**

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